

**ERETZ ISRAEL
BULLETIN 113**

**WORLD ALLIANCE FOR THE CORRECTION
OF THE SIN OF THE SPIES**

**“LIVING IN ERETZ ISRAEL IS THE EQUIVALENT OF ALL THE
MITZVOT OF THE TORAH” (SIFRE, PARASHAT REE)**

LEARN THE LESSON AND DO NOT FOLLOW ON THE FOOTSTEPS OF THE SPIES

**THERE IS NO TORAH LIKE THE TORAH OF ERETZ YISRAEL.
(BERESHIT RABBAH, 16:7. SIFRE, EKEV, 1)**

"The verse, The Lord's Torah is perfect, (Tehillim 19) finds its ideal expression in the Torah of Eretz Yisrael, when the nation of Israel is in the Land of Israel. Orot HaTorah explains that the Heavenly Torah is revealed in all of its fullness and grandeur, only with its observance in Eretz Yisrael (Orot HaTorah, 1:3. HaRav Avraham Yitzhak HaCohen Kook.) The Torah of Eretz Yisrael is the highest level of Torah. There is no Torah like the Torah of Eretz Yisrael. (Bereshit Rabbah, 16:7. Sifre, Ekev, 1)The Torah is natural to the Land of Israel.

...It is impossible to observe the same Torah and precepts in an atmosphere of impurity as one can in an atmosphere of Kedusha. This matter is mentioned frequently by our Sages, in the Gemara and in the Midrash, that the Torah of Eretz Yisrael, and the Torah of Chutz La' Aretz (outside the Land) are not the same Torah, nor the same mitzvot. The air of Eretz Yisrael is a Divine creation, which is Divinely bonded with our lives. The healthy, fundamental place of our intellectual endeavor and spirituality is here, and this truth can never change. We can deceive neither ourselves, nor nature, nor the Almighty."

"There is another teaching of the Sages which begins with a question: Do you desire to see the Shekhina in this world? The Shekhina is the manifestation of Hashem's Presence in this world, as it appears in Am Yisrael. The answer is: Study Torah in Eretz Yisrael. (Midrash Tehillim, Tehillim, 105)

"The more one is connected to Am Yisrael, and to the labor of Torah study, the more one succeeds in cleaving to Hashem. The manifestation of the Shekhina is especially dependent on the health and wholeness of Am Yisrael, and this occurs exclusively in Eretz Yisrael

..."We need to foster the understanding, and the feeling, that we must live in Israel, that this is our normal place, in terms of religion, and in terms of our nationhood. If we are not here, we are unhealthy. And from time to time, the gentiles remind us that we are living in their domain, in an alien land."

"This must be clear before anything else - no matter where a Jew is, he belongs only to Eretz Yisrael. This is his permanent home. Outside the Land, we have the status of guests. (From Sefer Torat Eretz Yisrael)

PLEASE HASHEM SAVE US FROM THE SIN OF THE SPIES WHO SPOKE LASHON HARA AGAINST ERETZ ISRAEL. LET US CORRECT THE SIN OF “THEY DESPISED THE DESIRABLE LAND” (TEHILLIM 106) FOR IN THIS WAY WE BRING CLOSER THE COMPLETE GEULA WHEN YOUR NAME WILL BE SANCTIFIED IN THE WORLD AND YOUR NATION ISRAEL SHALL BE EXALTED AND YOUR BEIT HA MIKDASH REBUILT MAY THIS BE SOON IN OUR DAYS, AMEN YEHI RATZON